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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER QUIJANO

1. SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER QUIJANO DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK ON PANAMERICAN #204 AT 10:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME FEBRUARY 8. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE AIRPORT, HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A FRANK EXCHANGE WITH THE SECRETARY, AS ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE HAD HIGH HOPES TO CONTINUE THE GOOD RELATIONS, AND SAID HE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON URGING THE SECRETARY TO CONTINUE THE NEW DIALOGUE, WITH OBVIOUS CHANGES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

2. QUIJANO SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND ECONOMY FOR ONE HOUR FRIDAY SO HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS INVOLVING ECONOMIC MATTERS STILL UNRESOLVED. SPECIFICALLY HE MENTIONED SETTLING THE EXXON, STANDARD ELECTRIC, MORGAN TRUST, CHASE AND NATIONAL CITY BANK PROBLEMS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT LEGISLATION WAS NEEDED ON MOST CASES, BUT WAS HOPEFUL THAT THIS COULD BE EXPEDITED IN ORDER TO AVOID GSP PROBLEMS.

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3. FONMIN ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS OAS REORGANIZATION IF THE SECRETARY WAS INTERESTED.

4. FONMIN QUIJANO WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRESS REACTION HERE TO THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA HAD NOT LED TO ADVERSE EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR. HE FELT THE LUNCHEON HAD MUCH TO DO WITH CUSHIONING ADVERSE REACTION LOCALLY WHERE ARGENTINA HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED THE FIRST VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA TO BE BUENOS AIRES.

5. BEFORE DEPARTING--WITHOUT PRESS FANFARE A LA VIGNES--HE TOLD ME HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE SUCCESS OF MRS. KISSINGER'S OPERATION. HE TOUCHED LIGHTLY ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO CHINA. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.

6. AS HE WAS DEPARTING HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST. HE SAID THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, JOAO BAPTISTA PINHEIRO, WILL BE THE NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA WILL COME HERE. HE SAID AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR HIS NEW POST VERY SOON.

7. FONMIN TOLD ME HE WOULD APPRECIATE MY BEING AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE NEXT MONDAY, AND THAT WE COULD TALK LATER AT THE CHANCERY ABOUT HIS TRIP.
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